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Enclosed are:

☒ Patent Specification and Declaration☒ sheets of drawing(s). (Formal)☒ An assignment of the invention to International Business Machines Corporation (includes Recordation Form Cover Sheet).☐ A certified copy of a ☐ application.☐ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO 1449 and copies of references.

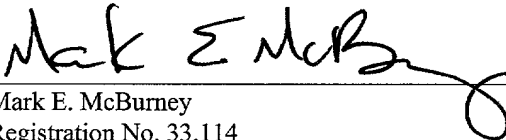
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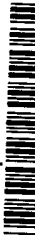
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